

BWA Sets 'Largest' Relief Goal

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Mass Conversions Reported

Baptists heard a subtle sermon from USSR Baptists and received reports of mass conversions to Christianity and lay renewal around the world.

Alexei Bichkov of Moscow drew applause from representatives of 20 countries during a meeting of the central committee of the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ, a program of the Baptist World Alliance.

The reconciliation group was one of several BWA satellite groups which met in conjunction with the seven-day annual meeting of the BWA executive committee and study commissions.

Bichkov demonstrated how his Baptist body had adapted the official logo of the world reconciliation program, lettering the slogan in Russian and replacing the dates, 1973-75, with the scripture reference, 2 Corinthians 5: 19.

"We left off the dates," said Bichkov, general secretary of the Russian Baptist body, "because the people in my country cannot understand how we can limit our responsibilities of reconciliation to three years."

"It is a continuous obligation that must never end."

The worldwide reconciliation emphasis was adopted by the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo in 1970 and set to run 1973-75. Bichkov's report was one of the many telling of the program's adoption and adaptation on all continents of the world.

Each of the 98 cooperating Baptist bodies is encouraged to follow the reconciliation concept in its own way, with a dual emphasis on reconciliation of man with God and of man with man.

A vibrant story of lay activity — the work of unordained persons — ran through the chain of reports.

A telegram from the Telugu churches in South India told of 1,064 baptisms in a single day on July 3, following 13,000 baptisms in June in a lay-sponsored evangelism thrust.

J. T. Ayorinde of Nigeria said 1,600 conversions had been recorded in the first of 15 regional evangelistic crusades planned for his country. Ayorinde told of a Nigerian tribal king who refused an invitation to come hear a pastor — evangelist.

"I do not want to hear a professional," he said, "but I will come to hear a layman." A layman was scheduled the following night, and the king came and was converted.

The king asked for the lay preacher's Bible and inscribed on its flyleaf, "I am a new king in Jesus Christ because of you."

José Reis Pereira of Brazil said the Brazilian Baptist Convention is beginning a 10 year campaign intended to more than double its churches' current 460,000 membership.

Revival Dates

Ecatewpa Church: August 3, 4, 5; services at 7:30 p.m.; youth - led crusade; Buddy Mathis of Pascagoula, evangelist; Angelia Myers, singer; Dale Roberts, youth pastor; Rev. Ralph Young, pastor; pre - crusade service on Wed., Aug. 1, at 7:30 p.m.; youth rally Thursday night at 7:30; music each service by 30 - voice youth choir.

Oakland Church: July 29 - August 3; services at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Rev. Gerald Martin, pastor of Popular Avenue Church, Memphis, and author of several books, evangelist; Richard W. O'Bryan of Memphis, singer; Rev. Buford Sellers, pastor.

Bethlehem (Simpson): July 29 - August 3; homecoming on July 29, with dinner on the ground and afternoon song service at 1 o'clock; Rev. James Burch, former pastor, preaching in the Sunday morning service; Sunday evening service at 7; services July 30 - August 3 at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Billy Green, Prentiss, evangelist; Lacie Bullock, singer; Rev. Marvin L. Cox, pastor.

First, Morton: July 29 - August 3; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor, First, Biloxi, evangelist; Kenneth White, song leader; Rev. Bartis Harper, pastor.

Valley Park (Issaquena): August 5-10; services Sunday at 11 and 7; Mon. - Fri. at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Rev. (Jack) Harold Brown of Covington, La., evangelist; Randy Stroud of Vicksburg, singer; Peggy Porter, pianist; Rev. Arlie E. Smith, pastor. ("Flood waters have weakened our church building, but not our spirits. Come worship with us," says the pastor.)

Straight Bayou (Sharkey - Issaq.): July 29 - Aug 3; 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; radio messages at 8:30 a.m. over station WELZ in Belzoni; Rev. Gerald Jones, Delta City, evangelist; Kenneth Turner, interim minister of music, First, Belzoni, singer; Rev. J. Harold Jones, pastor.

Antioch (Neshoba): July 29-August 3; Rev. Frank Harmon, pastor of Mt. Olive, Meridian, evangelist; (homecoming also on July 29, with dinner at the church. All former pastors and members are invited.) Rev. Albert H. McMullen, pastor.

Mrs. Fannie Thompson of Tucson, Ariz., told a story of practical reconciliation.

She organized a mass rally of Baptists from her own black church and many other churches and then guided the friendships made there into visits in the homes.

"Baptists in Tucson who had never associated before are now working together for God," she said.

International Blend At Meet

An international blend of Baptists met here on a Sunday morning for a worship service in an old schoolhouse almost within the shadow of a thousand - year - old Catholic mona-

stery which has made Einsiedeln one of Europe's best known pilgrimage sites.

Several thousand Catholic worshippers crowded the abbey church at the same time the Baptists were meeting.

In the Baptist service that Sunday, a Hungarian pastor prayed. A Nigerian read scripture. A Russian male trio and an American soloist performed. The congregation sang in English, French and German, with their voices blending to favorite hymns of their faith. A Swiss served as presiding officer. An Australian preached the sermon.

J. Truett Gannon To Succeed Dr. Grey At First, New Orleans

First Church, New Orleans, on July 8 voted to call Rev. J. Truett Gannon of Avondale Estates, Georgia (in the greater Atlanta area) to become their pastor.

The call was accepted by Mr. Gannon, and he is now the 25th pastor of the 130 - year - old church. He succeeds Dr. J. D. Grey, who at the end of 1972 completed a pastoral ministry of nearly 36 years in New Orleans. Dr. Grey, retired, is now the church's pastor emeritus.

Mr. Gannon is scheduled to begin his new work about the middle of August. He and his wife, Margaret, and their children, Ken and Karen, plan to move to New Orleans just before that date.

Attention: Churches Seeking Convention Board Aid

The attention of all churches requesting Church Building or Pastoral Aid for 1974 is called to a stipulation that all such requests be in the Executive Secretary-Treasurer's office by September the 1st.

W. Douglas Hudgins
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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Grant, is to ask the churches of the state to consider giving two percent of their total budgets for three years to the campaign.

Dr. Grant said that "while such a goal is challenging and may be difficult for some churches but others will be able to exceed this amount, which will be needed to reach the \$1,250,000 goal."

Dr. Grant urged however, along with Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer, that "in no case should a church reduce its Cooperative Program contributions in order to give to the Gulfshore Campaign."

The State Convention, in its 1972 session, Nov. 14-16, authorized a Capital Fund Campaign for no less than \$1,250,000 to rebuild the assembly.

The \$1,250,000 would be added to other available funds to rebuild the assembly, according to Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, president of the Convention Board.

Although Dr. Grant said he had no statistics to support his opening statement in this story he declared that "it is my opinion that we here in Mississippi have had fewer young people answer the call of God since we lost Gulfshore than in the previous corresponding time.

"Gulfshore has been used for a training ground for volunteer church workers for many years. I believe the work of our churches is suffering because we do not have these programs now."

"Even though we do not know that our state evangelistic conferences will always meet there or that they ever will, I felt that when they did, the fellowship of being together, along with the inspiration, was great. I have never experienced the fellowship in other places."

"I do not think that just because other states have assembly grounds, is a reason for us to have one. But I think other states recognize the need and thereby provide it. Surely we can profit from the wisdom of our sister states in that they all have the kind of thing we are trying to provide at Gulfshore."

'There Shall Be Light,' New Film Of ABS

"There Shall Be Light," the new film of the American Bible Society, begins with former Astronaut Frank Borman reading the creation story with which he and his Apollo 8 crew electrified the world as they read from the Bible on Christmas Eve, 1968, while orbiting the moon.

As the surface of the moon passes below the voice of Col. Borman rings out again with the words from the beginning of Genesis:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. . . And God said, Let there be light: and there was light."

Returning to the earth the film presents in colorful animation, rare historic stills and documentary footage, the never - ceasing efforts of the Society to reach people everywhere with the Scriptures, without doctrinal note or comment, in their own language or dialect.

Current translation problems and distribution hurdles, cleared far and near, are discussed firsthand by staff members.

Music, ranging from Beethoven to pop and ethnic selections, forms a suitable background as the Society's story shows how its work began in 1816. A dramatic episode is its own translation, "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English Version, which has achieved the enviable circulation figure of 36 million copies since it was first published in September 1966.

The film may be rented from Association - Sterling Films, 600 Grand Ave., Ridgefield, N. J. 07657, or purchased from the Information Department, American Bible Society 1865 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10023.

Mrs. Lourene Wells Dies In Greenville

Funeral services for Mrs. Lourene Middleton Wells, owner of Wells Funeral Home in Greenville, were held Thursday, July 19, at First Baptist Church of Greenville. She died unexpectedly at her home July 17.

A native of Starkville, she had been a resident of Washington County since 1898.

She had owned and operated Wells Funeral Home since the death of her husband, Harry L. Wells, in 1925. She was active in church and civic affairs and served as superintendent of the junior department of First Baptist Church of Greenville, for 30 years.

Mrs. Wells, having served as a funeral director during the 1927 flood in the Delta, was recently recognized for her experience in the documentary made by ETV.

Survivors include one daughter Mrs. Glenn Bolton, Greenville; one son, John E. Wells, Apple Valley, Calif.; one brother, and three grandchildren.

The Convention

President Speaks

It is my desire to make the Mississippi Baptist Convention which meets November 13-15 one of the best we have ever had. I am convinced it can be.

One of the things that should make it such is the changing of the executive secretary - treasurer. We have a great man coming in. This should be an exciting time, but also a time of soulsearching and personal re-dedication.

Bro. Frank Gunn, chairman of the order of service committee, along with the whole committee, is working hard on some different and fresh approaches. I hope you will like this. Some of the best and most widely used speakers to be found are already enlisted to speak. You will not only like them, but you will also be blessed by hearing them.

Put all this together and each one of us should be excited about convening here in Jackson for a great time together and furthering the whole cause of Christ.

You are definitely needed to make this convention what it needs to be. You are very, very important in the success of it; therefore, I, personally, solicit your prayers on behalf of your convention. I need your prayers myself. The speakers need your prayers. We need to pray for the business sessions. You can also make a worthy contribution by participating in an enthusiastic way in everything that takes place.

I am looking forward to it and I hope you are. — David Grant.

First, Natchez To Emphasize Missions, On Sunday, July 29

Dr. James D. Belote, pictured, area secretary for East Asia for the Foreign Mission Board, will be the speaker in a special mission emphasis on Sunday, July 29, at First Church, Natchez.

This entire day of missions emphasis will honor Mr. and Mrs. Major C. McDaniel, Jr. who were appointed as missionary associates, in services at Richmond, Virginia. They will be serving in Korea in the field of music. Mr. McDaniel has served First Church, Natchez, for fourteen years as minister of music.

Other activities of the day include a special meeting of adults and youth during which questions related to missions in general and the work of the Foreign Mission Board in particular will be discussed; an evening service devoted to a concert of gospel songs by Mr. McDaniel, along with testimonies from both Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel, and a reception following the evening church service.

Kermit King, director, Church Training Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is the interim pastor.

Howell Speaks,

Leads Conference

In Tate County

Rev. E. L. Howell, state Brotherhood director spoke to a recent Ladies Night Meeting in Senatobia.

Howard Carpenter, President of the Brotherhood, said this meeting was the highlight of the year. Farley Earnest gave a special, "The Wonder Of It All," and Jerry Brewer acted as master of ceremonies.

Mr. Howell also directed a Tate County Brotherhood Planning Conference at First Church, Senatobia July 17.

Mr. Carpenter guided this meeting and Associational officers and representatives of other churches in Tate County attended the meeting. Refreshments were served.

Missionaries

On Furlough

Raymond L. Kolb, 208 E. Main St., Clinton; Tommy Marlowe, Route 1, Wesson; W. Arthur Compere, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson; Antonina Canzoneri, 5939 Clinton Blvd., Jackson; Charles W. Whitten, 3331 Old Canton Rd., Jackson; W. Ralph Davis, 700 Grace Ave., Hattiesburg; Robert A. Holifield, Rt. 1, Box 150B, Hattiesburg; Thomas E. Thurman, 921 Jackson Ave., Columbia; Thomas O. Barron, Box 249, Richton; James D. Watts, 1208 Polk Ave., Pascagoula.

MC Makes Plans For Waterways Property

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the knowledge of the vital principles and evidence which demand public support and action for a cleaner and better environment.

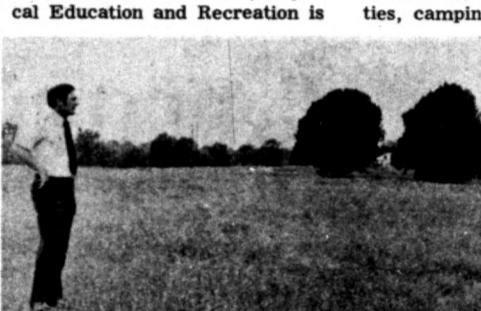
The on-the-scene environmental studies will involve approximately 85 acres under supervision of personnel in the Division of Science and Mathematics.

The Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation is

developing plans for 125 acres of the property. Included would be a nine-hole golf course, a driving range, a chipping green and an 18-hole putting green.

The golfing facility would be used in the physical education course work, in the intramural program, and after school hours and on weekends as a recreational site for students, faculty and staff.

An additional 20 acres would be used for water-related activities, camping and picnic areas,



GOLF COURSE — John M. Williams, athletic director and head football coach at Mississippi College, envisions the nine-hole golf course the college proposes for the Waterways Experiment Station property. Some 125 acres have been labeled for recreational activities for use in the physical education department. — (M.C. Photos by Bill Strange)



FISHERIES RESEARCH—Dr. John Legg (foreground), professor of chemistry, and Louis Temple, assistant professor of biological sciences, examine one of the sites proposed for a pond for fisheries research and other environmental studies by Mississippi College on the old Waterways Experiment Station property. — (M.C. Photos by Bill Strange)

Stewardship Agency Sets Budget; Promotes Speer

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now merged with Southern Seminary. Hammatt, 55, a native of Lockland, Ohio, has served with church bond corporations since 1962 and formerly served as a pastor and superintendent of missions for several associations of Baptist churches in Kentucky.

He is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The commission approved the 1973-74 budget with the understanding that it may be amended by the commission's executive committee if income exceeds the proposed \$684,750.

In other financial moves, the commission authorized the executive director-treasurer to increase the proposed 1972-73 budget by up to \$100,000 consistent with additional income and authorized him to request a Co-operative Program appropriation up to \$300,000 for the budget year, 1974-75.

A new commission staff position, director of planned giving, was approved and will be filled at a later date.

The commission's recommendation on promotion of the 1973-74 SBC Co-operative Program advanced budget includes production of materials and encouragement of other SBC agencies to coordinate promotion.</p



Old Oak Grove To Celebrate Centennial

Old Oak Grove, Union County, will observe its one hundredth anniversary on Sunday, July 29. Members, former pastors, and friends are invited to the homecoming which will feature messages from former pastors, special music, and Christian fellowship. Lunch will be served at the church. In recent years the building has been centrally heated and air-conditioned; the floors carpeted, a nursery equipped, and new pews and pulpit furniture installed.

Rohrman Resigns At First, Jackson - - -

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call and the congregation apparently expected him to make his decision known at the morning service.

Dr. Rohrman said that he did consider the call but it was not until Saturday night "after much prayer" that he told the Lubbock church that he could not become their pastor.

Dr. Rohrman pointed out Sunday morning that certain outstanding Biblical characters had gone to the wilderness for time, naming Moses, Paul, Jesus, and others.

"I do not now know how, where, but we are going off to be alone with God. The Lord has led me very fast. I have tried to do too much. I am very tired, I need to get away," Dr. Rohrman said. "But I hope the Lord will use me again."

The pastor praised the church and said he was not disappointed in his work with them, adding that he felt there was no greater group of Christians anywhere.

He said that "memories of your love, generosity and graciousness will always be with me."

He told the congregation that they must broaden and strengthen home base. He said there was some building to be done, and that the church must do it.

"You must get outside the walls of the church. You must share as never before."

In reference to his recent trip to Glorieta, N. M., where he preached for an assembly youth group, he said "I've been alone with God on the mountain top. I think God has put his hand on me and I want Him to use me again."

Dr. Rohrman is a native of Texas and holds degrees from Baylor University, Waco, and New Orleans Baptist Seminary, as well as an honorary doctorate from Mississippi College.

Miss Edwina Visits European Churches

By ELSIE MAY CHAMBERS

Clarion-Ledger State Editor

Two years ago last May, Miss Edwina Robinson retired as executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union following more than a quarter of a century's work in Mississippi.

But, "retired" was the wrong word to use in Miss Edwina's case. She has done all sorts of things since that day in 1971 when she "quit" work.

Miss Robinson has just returned from about two months in Europe. She went over there to visit the Baptist churches on the Continent and in England at the request of the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board.

Serving as a resource person to emphasize women's work in the church and to supply general missionary information, Miss Robinson's presence was also to lend encouragement to Baptists so far from "home" churches.

She said most of the churches over there are made up of members of the military service personnel, and mostly they are members of the churches for about three years. Then, they are transferred and a new group come to the military installation and to church. Some members are from the business community.

"I feel like these churches need special encouragement from the folks back home just to keep them going," Miss Robinson said, "and I believe my visits boosted the members' morale."

"When I make my report to the Foreign Mission Board, I am going to recommend that some one be sent at least every three years to visit the churches."

While on this tour, Miss Robinson

made her headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany, and from there she went to the English-speaking Baptist churches, mostly in West Germany, three in England, two in Belgium, about 30 churches in all. She also visited with the English Baptist Convention executive secretary, Rev. John Merritt, who, incidentally, is from Hattiesburg. She also attended the summer assembly for Baptists in Wiesbaden, Germany, for a week each year.

Miss Robinson was able to take some side trips, too, like visiting East Berlin. She was there seven years ago "and I found that it was not as difficult to get through the check point this time." She said the people also seemed more prosperous and looked better dressed this time.

Miss Robinson did most of her tra-

Korean Baptist Hospital Expands

Demand for out-patient services at the Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Pusan, Korea, has resulted in an expansion programme. Construction was scheduled to begin this month on a new out-patient clinic.

The hospital averaged treating 282 out-patients each working day during May. An annual report of the hospital's services showed that 4,136 inpatients, and 60,198 out-patients were admitted in 1972 — EBPS

tation for directing the program which fed and clothed the entire area's population during the disaster.

Since his coming to Jackson the First Baptist has grown in numbers and in spiritual life. Dr. Rohrman has taken an active part in the community life here as he has in other places. He has been in demand as a civic club, high school, college, banquet, and revival speaker.

During the latter part of 1972 Dr. Rohrman was named one of ten Outstanding Young Men of America for 1973 by the Junior Chamber of Commerce for his contribution to society's help with Hurricane Camille disaster, and his leadership in general.

Stresses Youth

Dr. Rohrman's work with the youth of the church and the city has been rewarded with an unusually good attendance and participation of young people.

At the close of the Sunday service Dr. Rohrman turned the service over to Baldwin Lloyd, chairman of the deacons, who expressed the church's regret at his resignation.

"We deeply regret your resignation. We love you, we appreciate you. We thank the Lord for sending you to us," Lloyd said.

Alex McKeigney, chairman of the board of deacons when Dr. Rohrman came to the church offered the benediction and prayed for a new commitment on the part of the congregation and blessings for Dr. Rohrman and his family.

SBC Gives Him Citation

The Southern Baptist Convention gave him a Distinguished Service Ci-

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BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION SETS CONFERENCE FOR OLDER BAPTISTS

MEMPHIS (BP)—In a move to strengthen its efforts to tap the resources of older Baptists, the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission has scheduled a conference, Oct. 4-7, at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

The conference will emphasize ways that retired persons or those preparing to retire may find opportunities for volunteer mission service in the United States and abroad.

Major program personnel include Southern Baptist Convention President Owen Cooper, a recently retired layman who has called repeatedly for creative use of retirees; Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; Arthur Rutledge, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board; and Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission.

Carthage Pastor On Program, BSSB Seminar On Preaching

NASHVILLE — The first seminar on "Improving Your Preaching" will be conducted Sept. 10-14, in the Church Program Training Center at the Sunday School Board.

The pastor of First Church, Carthage, Miss., Dr. Harold T. Bryson, pictured, will conduct several discussions involving

"Preaching for Special Occasions," "The Art of Illustrating the Message," "Building the Sermon," "A Study of Innovative Techniques in Preaching" and "The Thrill of Teaching the Bible."

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Sponsored by the church ministries section of the board's church administration department, the week-long

seminar will consist of morning sessions, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1:15 p.m. and 3 p.m. afternoon sessions.

Other topics and program personalities include "The Preacher Looks at the Bible," "The Preacher Looks at the People," and "Do They Hear What You Are Saying?" all presented by Clyde E. Fant, professor of preaching at Southwestern Seminary.

Jim Henry, pastor of Nashville's Two Rivers Church, will present "Preaching to Win and Involve," Robert J. Norman, pastor of Belmont Height Nashville, will give "Resources to Enrich Preaching," and "Elements of an Effective Worship Service" will be presented by Mosley.

"The Preacher Looks at Himself," "Planning a Year's Preaching," "How Are You Spending the Time of Your Life?" and "Innovative Worship Service," will be presented by James C. Barry, pastoral ministries consultant at the board.

A \$20 registration fee will cover the cost of seminar notebooks, three meals, refreshments and a book on preaching. Registration should be sent to the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tennessee, 37234.

Historical Commission Elects Pontotoc Man As New President

The Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission named George T. Rodgers, Pontotoc, as its new president. Mr. Rodgers, active in denominational work for more than fifty years, is a deacon and Sunday School teacher in First Church, Pontotoc. He has been a member of the Commission for two years and has served as its secretary.

He is a former school administrator, having served in this capacity for more than half a century. He succeeds Dr. C. B. Hamlet, III as president.

Rev. James Porch, pastor of Northside Church, Clinton was named vice-president and Dr. D. R. Roach, Professor of Philosophy, Mississippi State College for Women, was named secretary. Dr. R. A. McElroy was renamed executive secretary of the Commission.

The members of the Commission in addition to the above are Rev. Paul Harwood, Lyon; Dr. W. D. McCain, University of Southern Mississippi; C. J. Darby, Gulfport; Rev. Bill Beckett, Duncan; and L. L. McNees, Ebenezer.

Mrs. J. C. Wells Dies

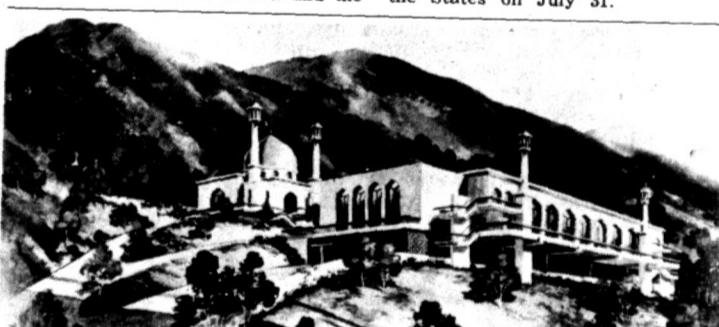
Mrs. Willie Belle (Mrs. J. C.) Wells, 73, died Sunday, July 15, in Hazlehurst. Funeral services were held Monday, July 16, at Hartman's Funeral Home chapel in Brookhaven. Rev. Ken Stringer was in charge, assisted by Rev. B. E. Padgett and Rev. Rowe Holcomb. Burial was at Wesson Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Rev. J. C. Wells, New Orleans; two daughters, Mrs. Moses Watkins, Jr., Lake Charles La. and Mrs. Richard Kearley, Jr., Dallas, Tex.; one sister, Mrs. Eugene Wellings, Gresham, Ore.

Willie Belle Thurman was born at Wesson in 1900, and on June 28, 1922, she married Rev. J. C. Wells at Wesson. Mr. Wells was for many years a missionary in the New Orleans area. After retirement he and Mrs. Wells returned to Mississippi to live at Wesson.

They were moving back to New Orleans, and had already moved their household effects, when Mrs. Wells suffered a heart attack and died. She had been active in the church at Wesson, especially in WMU activities.

Mr. Wells may be addressed at 1787 Lafreniere St., New Orleans, La.



Third Mosque In U. S. Planned

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Less than a mile from the Hollywood Bowl an Islamic mosque, only the third in the United States, will be built if plans proceed a few more steps. Pledges to help construct the \$2.5 million mosque have been received from Kuwait

and the Persian Gulf state of Abu Dhabi. The only other U. S. mosques for Americans of Middle East heritage, are in Detroit and in Washington, D. C. Plans call for a mosque with the usual minarets, plus a 750-seat lecture hall, a school, library and museum. (RNS Photo)

condition which made walking increasingly painful. She came to Jackson because she has friends here, and arrangements were made for total-hip replacements in both her hips. She has now resumed her ministry in South Africa.

While in the United States, Mrs. Lozier visited her four sons in Texas, Colorado and in New England following the operation. A daughter lives with Mr. and Mrs. Lozier in South Africa.

A Dr. Charnley, in England, developed the total-hip procedure in 1958, and his team has done some 8,000 procedures since that year — a procedure which calls for a plastic cup to be cemented into the pelvis bone, where it receives a stainless-steel ball (on a stem) which has been cemented to the thigh bone.

The surgery lasts for about three hours, and the patient is usually up on the fourth day to start a physical therapy regimen. After two or three weeks, the patient is usually able to

leave the hospital. The patient must be checked by a physician at three-month and six-month intervals and then have annual checks to make sure the hip is working effectively.

What makes it a difficult procedure is the fact that large amounts of foreign material are inserted into the human body in a location where blood circulation is much more sparse than it would be in the soft tissues of the body, making the risk of infection quite high unless the work can be carried out in a room conditioned with the cleanest possible flow of air. The fact that most of the total-hip patients are elderly makes the procedure even more delicate.

When the total-hip operating room was put into service at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, administrator Paul J. Pryor commented:

"We now have an operating room with air especially processed to make it as pure as modern science and engineering can devise. It's like no other room anywhere in this part of the country."

Hospital To Construct New Parking Facility

A two-level parking facility in conjunction with the new Mississippi Baptist Hospital now under construction has been approved by the hospital's board of trustees.

Final planning and final cost estimates for the new structure are being made, according to Zach T. Hederman, chairman of the hospital board.

J. W. Underwood, chairman of the board's executive committee, said duplication of construction costs at a later date can be avoided by building the parking facility now, rather than at a later date.

The parking facility will be built just west of the Medical Arts Building on North State Street and just south of the new hospital, which is scheduled for completion in December of 1975.

Paul J. Pryor, hospital administrator, added that additional off-street parking space for the hospital's 1100 employees are being prepared a few blocks northeast of the hospital.

Total-Hip Procedures Now Performed In Baptist Hospital

Total-hip procedures at Mississippi Baptist Hospital are benefiting not only Mississippians but people from far away as Korea and South Africa.

Relatively few hospitals are equipped to handle this delicate procedure, which demands not only high surgical skill but the cleanest possible air.

Thus far, a total of 79 total-hip procedures have been performed at the hospital since a special clean-air operating room was established there on March 13, 1972.

One of the more recent procedures involved Mrs. Yung Yup Su, who works for a missionary family on Soon Chun, South Korea, taking care of the missionaries' children.

The goal is to teach the natives how to spread the gospel to their fellow natives — a project which has the endorsement of Rhodesian and British authorities alike.

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condition which made walking increasingly painful.

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A Campaign For Rebuilding Gulfshore

Elsewhere in this issue of the Record is a news story concerning a drive to raise funds for the rebuilding of Gulfshore.

Gulfshore was the state Baptist assembly ground at Pass Christian, destroyed by Hurricane Camille in August 1969. Also destroyed was the Royal Ambassador camp known as Kittiwake, likewise located at Pass Christian.

After destruction of the facility, the convention appointed a committee to study replacing it, and at the state convention last November, decision was made to rebuild the assembly, but to raise a cash fund of \$1,200,000 before starting any work. This would be in addition to the net proceeds received in insurance after the Camille loss, and other funds which have been added from the Cooperative Program budget. A committee was named at that convention last year, to formulate plans for a drive to raise the proposed rebuilding fund.

That committee now has completed preliminary plans for the drive and announcement concerning them is found in this issue. An earlier story appeared in the Record on May 17.

The proposal which is now being presented asks churches to consider setting aside 2% of their budget, over and above their Cooperative Program gifts,

to be designated for the rebuilding of the encampment. This would be done for the next three years. Leaders of the committee feel that if a large number of churches respond to this invitation, sufficient funds will be raised in the three years to provide the new assembly.

We are certain that few people in the state would question the need for rebuilding the assembly property. Probably no agency we ever have owned had as profound effect on as many lives each year, as did the Gulfshore property. Thousands of young people and adults visited the grounds each summer for one or more of the conferences there. Now that the state has no such program, its real value is underscored. We greatly need a place for conferences, retreats, camps, etc. Who among those who attended one or more of the conferences at Gulfshore, can forget the inspiration, the fellowship, and the educational values of weeks spent there?

A vivid memory abides in our own heart of the glorious experiences in the last Bible Conference there, held the week before the Camille disaster. On Friday, shortly after noon, we drove away from the refreshing and enriching Bible conference which had just closed. Four days later, on Tuesday

morning, we waded through the mud and dirt of the completely wrecked encampment. All of the water was not yet off of the grounds, although the Gulf was now calm and docile. Only hours before that same sea had been a raging force, destroying every thing before it. Tears coursed their way down our cheeks then, as we looked upon the ruins.

Even then we said, Gulfshore must live again. We knew that the state must have an assembly facility. We were convinced that somehow, somehow, Mississippi Baptists would find a way to make the beloved encampment rise again.

Now we are about to launch into a drive which will make that rebuilding possible. What the committee is asking, is not an impossible task. Many individuals will want to make gifts, and there are few churches which cannot, if they set their minds to it, add 2% to the budget, so that a new conference center can be rebuilt.

Churches and individuals need to consider carefully the suggestion and request of the committee, and seriously consider making this program a part of their church budget over the next three years. If that is done, it will not be many years until Gulfshore shall rise again.

Guest Editorial

A Landmark Decision On Pornography

Julian Pentecost in Religious Herald (Slightly Condensed)

The recent ruling of the Supreme Court dealing with pornography is encouraging and gratifying to all morally sensitive people. In a five to four decision the nation's highest court reversed a fifteen year pattern which has afforded unrestricted freedom to peddlers of obscenity in books, magazines, pictures and films.

Response to the court's verdict as expected, has been immediate and intense. Opposition has come primarily from those who have become wealthy because of this billion dollar a year business, and who now claim their "freedom" is being abridged in violation of the First Amendment. Support has been expressed by law enforcement officials and civic and religious leaders who are grateful that the anguished cry of concerned citizens has finally been heard.

Guidelines established by the court for judges and juries to determine that which is pornographic are significant. The norm is now the evaluation of material — book magazine, film — by the average person in a local community. For the last decade and a half the basis of decision making has been imported "expert opinion." These "experts" were often totally unsympathetic with local community standards, ridiculing residents as being "uninformed," "prudish," and "lacking in

artistic appreciation."

The court also ruled that questionable works do not have to be "utterly without redeeming social value" to be judged obscene. Since the Roth decision by the Supreme Court in 1957, this phrase has been repeatedly interpreted so as to enable peddlers of the pornographic to market anything they will sell. Many astute observers believe that the insidious application of this phase resulted in the opening of the floodgates of obscenity. "Any piece of trash can have a smidgen of social value built into it," one stated.

The guidelines of the court are general and thus ambiguous. Additional litigation will be needed at federal state and/or local levels. No one should expect nationwide uniformity of code or enforcement. Even as certain areas permit prostitution and gambling, some places will permit pornography. The important fact is, however, that "the people" of any given area can make the decision and enforce it.

One of the most frustrating hurdles in mobilizing a community effort against smut has been the feeling that nothing could be accomplished because of court edicts. The situation is now quite different. As a result of the court's decision much can be done by local citizens to destroy the malignancy of obscenity. Some states have recently enacted strong legislation to combat

this evil, and legislation is pending in others.

Those who are sworn to uphold the law have the primary responsibility in this matter, but they need the prod, encouragement, and cooperation of Christians and other citizens who are concerned with decency. The fight will not be easy, and only the naive would expect it to be. But the court has provided the legal means to do that which so desperately needs to be done. Responsibility now rests with citizens to wage the fight with intelligence, enthusiasm, and dedication.

Thousands of people in this state and millions in the nation have been calling for local control of local affairs. The Supreme Court has clearly placed this particular issue in local hands. No state legislature can blame Washington for filth on newsstands or movie screens. The power to legislate and to enforce legislation is in the hands of local people.

Jesus singled out for emphasis the insight of the writer of Proverbs: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." The validity of this insight has been underscored time and time again. One way to prevent further pollution of mind and spirit is to strike a decisive blow against obscenity. It is now time to act! If we fail to act, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

NEWEST BOOKS

BIBLE COMPARATIVES by R. Earl Allen (Word, 128 pp., \$3.95). A series of sermons on Bible texts containing the word "better." Dr. Allen, long a pastor of a Baptist church in Fort Worth, is widely known for both his preaching and his writing. In this series of sermons he is at his best. The subjects are timely and the messages present both a clear exposition of the scripture background of the text, and a direct application to modern Christian living. Consider such texts as these: "To obey is better than sacrifice"; "For wisdom is better than rubies"; "better . . . than a brother"; ". . . better . . . to be with Christ". There are 13 of the messages. They are clear in outline and rich in illustration. This is preaching at its best. It will be a valuable book for reading; it also will be worthy of serious study.

VICTORY OVER THE DEVIL by Jack R. Taylor (Broadman, 134 pp.). The subtitle is "An adventure into the World of Spiritual Warfare," and the book is just that. Dr. Taylor, who has written two previous books on the work of the Spirit in the Christian life, now shows how it is the Spirit who alone can give victory to the Christian in his warfare with Satan. The book presents the origin and work of the devil, the activities of demons, and the existence of angels and their ministry. The author shows how that Satan tempts and deals with Christians, how demons work, and then clearly shows the Bible given way of victorious living. This is a most helpful little book, which should point the way to spiritual victory for the reader. Dr. Taylor is pastor of one of our Southern Baptist churches in San Antonio, Texas.

SCOFIELDISM UPGRADED by S. E. Anderson (Fundamental Publishers, 108 pp., \$1.95) A careful, Bible based, analysis of the footnotes in the Scofield Bible which relate to the church, the kingdom, dispensationalism, and related themes. The author has a

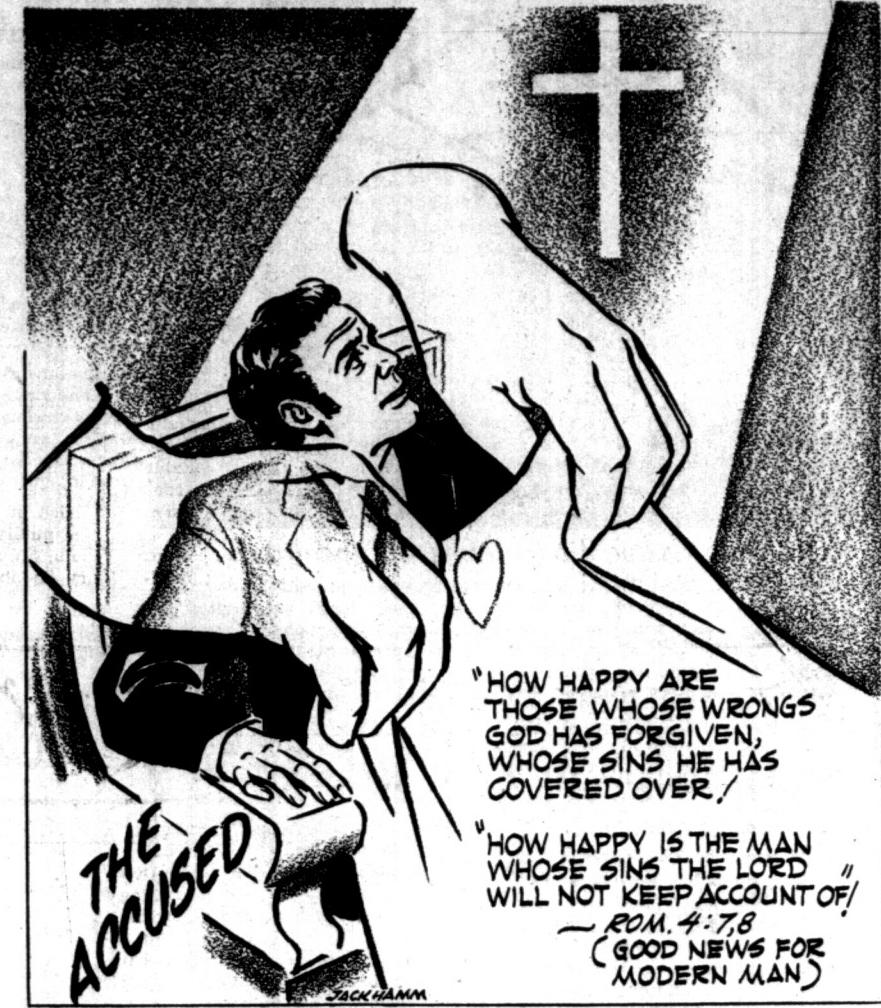
long used and recommended the Scofield Bible, but has not overlooked its errors, especially as related to the church. He shows that Scofield's (and others) emphasis on the "Universal Church" concept, is based upon assumptions, rather than upon clear New Testament teaching. He refutes the teaching that the church was started at Pentecost, showing that it was started during the ministry of our Lord upon the earth, exactly as he had said. One who studies these pages will have a new understanding of the clear teaching of the Bible that the church is a local, visible body. He also will be able to differentiate between the church and the kingdom. The author has long been a teacher, and knows how to present his arguments with accuracy and clarity. He is the author of a number of books such as Your Baptism Is Important, The First Church, The First Baptist, Baptists Unshackled, The First Communion, etc. This new book is one of the most helpful ones yet to come from his prolific pen.

ARMSTRONGISM'S 300 ERRORS EXPOSED by S. E. Anderson, (Church Growth Publications, 215 pp., paper \$2.45; cloth, \$4.95) Who hasn't heard the voice of Herbert Armstrong or his son, Garner Ted Armstrong, on the program The World Tomorrow. The messages which are so widespread in that they are heard on so many stations, are presented in an attractive manner, and are made to sound Biblical and reasonable. Whether the message be an attack on the organized churches, a prophetic proclamation, or emphasis on the free Bible literature that is free for the asking, the appeals are alluring and many who are not grounded in the Word of God are deceived by them. Dr. Stanley Anderson, Bible scholar of many years experience, has listened to the messages and has written for and examined the literature and publications. As a result he exposes what he calls the 300 errors in Arm-

strongism, and does his exposing simply by throwing the Light of Bible truth upon them. He shows that Armstrong's teachings will not stand up when examined in light of the whole Bible. This will be a most enlightening book for those who have listened to these programs, but have not been able, because of lack of Bible knowledge, to answer the arguments. It also will be a splendid handbook for pastors and other church leaders to help them to know how to deal with this heretical sect as its ministry is felt in the church community. Many people are listening to this program, and clear answers to its false teachings are needed. Dr. Anderson has provided the needed material.

ARCHIE'S ONE WAY and THE HIDING PLACE by Cartoonist Allen Hartley (Concept One, Inc., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, for Fleming H. Revell, Spire Christian Comics, 35c each) These two and similar Christian comic books, such as THE CROSS AND THE SWITCHBLADE and GOD'S SMUGGLER, are now being distributed by Revell's Spire division. They will be an asset for Sunday School teachers and other Christian workers as they strive to reach young people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Cartoonist Allen Hartley's Archie comics are read regularly by millions. An active Christian layman, he was chosen by Fleming Revell to illustrate the company's new line of comic books. ARCHIE'S ONE WAY shows Archie and his friends witnessing to other teen-agers. THE HIDING PLACE is a comic book version of the gripping book by Corrie ten Boom.

LIVING IN HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE by Paige Patterson (Crescendo, paper, 56 pp., \$1.75) An exposition of Titus, this book began as a result of a Bible study for young people at Glorieta Assembly.



"HOW HAPPY ARE THOSE WHOSE WRONGS GOD HAS FORGIVEN, WHOSE SINS HE HAS COVERED OVER!"

"HOW HAPPY IS THE MAN WHOSE SINS THE LORD WILL NOT KEEP ACCOUNT OF!"
ROM. 4:7,8
(GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN)

Speaking Of Cover-ups

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Sea Horse 8 Is No More

Dear Friend:

This will be sad news to many people in various parts of the state who while visiting on the Coast went fishing with us in Sea Horse Eight.

During the 24 years I was pastor of First Baptist Church in Biloxi, I built seven boats which the boys named Sea Horse. Storms got all of them except Sea Horse 7 which we gave to Mrs. Hodge's brother in Long Beach when we left Biloxi to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacinto City, Houston, Texas.

When we retired about 11 years ago we bought a lot in Ocean Springs, and built our house and home. When we completed the master bedroom and kitchen we took out a few weeks and built Sea Horse 8.

While getting the boat ready for fishing this summer I found a few weak spots in it. Instead of trying to patch it up, I saw it up into small pieces which Mrs. Hodge burns in her smoke pot. By putting grass on the fire it creates a smoke and keeps the gnats away while she works in her vegetable and flower gardens.

In addition to fruits and vegetables, Mrs. Hodge delights in giving flowers, plants and cuttings of many kinds to neighbors and friends.

Many of you want to know if we now fish since we do not have a boat? The answer is, YES. We went fishing yesterday, July 18, caught 54 fish and were back home before noon.

Oh yes, we are in perfect health, praise the Lord.

G. C. Hodge, D.D.
Ocean Springs, Ms.

EDUCATION... what's happening

Scholarships and loans for college students have increased substantially in recent years, but parental aid generally continues to decrease.

Except for black students and those who commute to college, parents are still the biggest source of funds for their children's higher education, says a research report from Educational Testing Service. In a survey of some 2,400 unmarried, full-time students who were sophomores in 1969-70, ETS also found that:

—Expenses for all students averaged \$2,485.

Parents' share: 44%.

—Women's parents provided a greater share of expenses than men's.

—Black students—83% of whom had family incomes below \$10,000—spent about \$500 a year less than whites on their education.

—Blacks were twice as likely as whites to have education debts.

There are 44 universities, with over 243,500 students, in Great Britain, compared with 17 and 53,800 in 1945.

Thirty-four of the universities are in England and Wales, eight in Scotland and two in Northern Ireland.

On The MORAL SCENE...

Rural Poverty — Nationally, some 60% (4.8 million units) of all substandard housing is in the countryside. Yet, because of current preoccupation with urban problems, less than 25% of all federal housing has gone to rural areas. Fifty percent of the nation's poor live in rural areas, and 70% of the rural poor struggle to survive on less than \$2,000 per year. Some 1,072,000 small farmers, almost half of America's 2.7 million farmers, earned less than \$2,500 in 1972. The average annual wage for 270,000 migratory laborers was \$1,530, while the average hired farmworker earned \$3,170. All these earnings figures are well below the federal poverty standard. — (From "The Condition of Farmworkers and Small Farmers," in The Congressional Record, May 24, 1973)



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Isn't it strange about loneliness?

Loneliness strikes you in the middle of a huge crowd when you see in the distance the profile of a friend, someone you'd call to and chase after, until you remember the friend's presence is impossible. Loneliness straightens the smile from your face when you see a toy like one you played with when you were five and makes you wistful that a time machine could take you back, quite temporarily, every now and then, to one of childhood's cozy moments.

Loneliness requires, too often it seems, that you must sit quietly while your friend goes through his own times of loneliness.

Loneliness enters into a crowd where everyone laughs and plays, and it backs up the breath into your throat when you remember someone you love is not there with you.

You may lock every door, but loneliness gets in, anyway, both when you expect it and when you don't expect it.

And isn't it strange about happiness?

Happiness comes in all sizes, shapes, and sounds.

It can rarely ever successfully be planned per se. Our oldest was to be twenty-one months old when we would bring our second home from the hospital. We went by the books and had Bobby a pedal tractor (which we couldn't afford, but that made no difference to the books or to us) waiting in the living room. Know what happiness was to Bobby? The baby.

Another time we bought for all three boys a set of rather "smart" building blocks. Know what made them happy? The box the blocks came in.

We took two of the boys to see the Grand Canyon when they were small. Know what keyed their happiness there? Being allowed to go back to the parking lot to spin their new tops.

Did you ever plan a happy time that turned into everything else? Did you ever simply stumble across a happy time and almost miss it because you had not planned it?

Yes, it's strange about loneliness and happiness. You never quite know which you will find where, which will aggressively seek you out, which will tarry long or which slowly.

Occasionally loneliness is for something that might have been, or should have been, or could have been, but more often loneliness is for something that was. And the something usually was a happiness thing, or its lack now would constitute relief instead of loneliness.

Maybe that's why it's so strange about loneliness and happiness. It's hard to tell if or where one changes into the other.—Address: Box 9151, Jackson 39206.

"If you think you have influence, try ordering someone else's dog around."—Lois W. Matson, The Kiester (Minn.) Courier.

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Publishing House Has Global Impact

By David A. Risinger

EL PASO, Tex. (BP) — The Baptist Spanish Publishing House here sits atop a knoll overlooking a deserted portion of Fort Bliss.

The barracks' once well-inspected window panes are now broken by vandals and the once-smooth marching areas now sprout weeds through cement cracks. These are remnants of times when thousands of soldiers were trained to go to all parts of the world.

In striking contrast, the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, an attractive, yellow stucco building of Spanish design, a few feet away, evidences no slack as it spreads the word in printed form around the globe.

In 1972, 2.3 million brochures, 120

books and four million tracts were published and shipped to 43 countries and 46 states in the U.S.

The publishing house is the only Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board mission institution located in the United States.

Thomas Hill, director of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House since 1970, admits that certain advantages and disadvantages exist because of the location.

"We're able to serve all the Spanish-speaking countries impartially from here," he says. "Also modern equipment is more readily available and we can better serve the areas covered by both the Foreign Mission Board and the state conventions."

"Being one pulse beat away from Latin America makes us work harder

to gain a sensitivity to current needs," Hill explains. "Also much of the material printed by the publishing house is written by missionaries to Latin America or by nationals, all many miles away."

Besides Hill, 27 other Foreign Mission Board personnel are assigned to the publishing house, including 12 couples and four single ladies.

They work as editors, administrators, sales and promotion personnel and business managers. Approximately 65 other non-missionary employees also labor in the firm.

All the assigned missionaries have served sometime on the field in Latin America or Spain.

The publishing house was begun in Tocula, Mexico, in 1906, by J. E. and Mary Gamble Davis, Southern Bap-

tist missionaries. The first printed material produced was a Sunday School quarterly.

The Davises were forced to flee to El Paso with the outbreak of the Mexican Revolution in 1916. After locating in several places, the publishing house moved to its present site in 1948.

The Foreign Mission Board located the publishing house in a sanatorium run by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board until forced to leave it during the depression.

The publishing house shared the facilities for a few years with the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary, now quartered in Torreon, Mexico.

Thirteen book deposits throughout Latin America and Spain distribute the materials to their surrounding area. Each deposit is supervised by a missionary, though it is not his or her main assignment.

"We want manuscripts from people on location," explains Judson Blair, director of the editorial division. "We're trying to promote creativity of Latin American Baptists in writing manuscripts."

The main materials the publishing house prints are Sunday School, Church Training and Woman's Missionary Union publications.

La Fe Bautista, an adult quarterly for church training, is written for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board at the publishing house.

Also, Hill points out, they have just begun publishing the Spanish version of the Baptist World for the Baptist World Alliance.

A former missionary to Costa Rica, Hill is the third director of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House. Frank W. Patterson served from 1943-70, between J. E. Davis and Hill.

The publishing house is a self-contained company, incorporated under the laws of Texas, with assigned missionary personnel serving on the board of trustees.

Hill says, "We also maintain an advisory committee which meets in El Paso every four years. Three representatives are appointed from the 13 nations that we serve. In our meetings we go over research papers and focus more clearly on the philosophy of the publishing house."

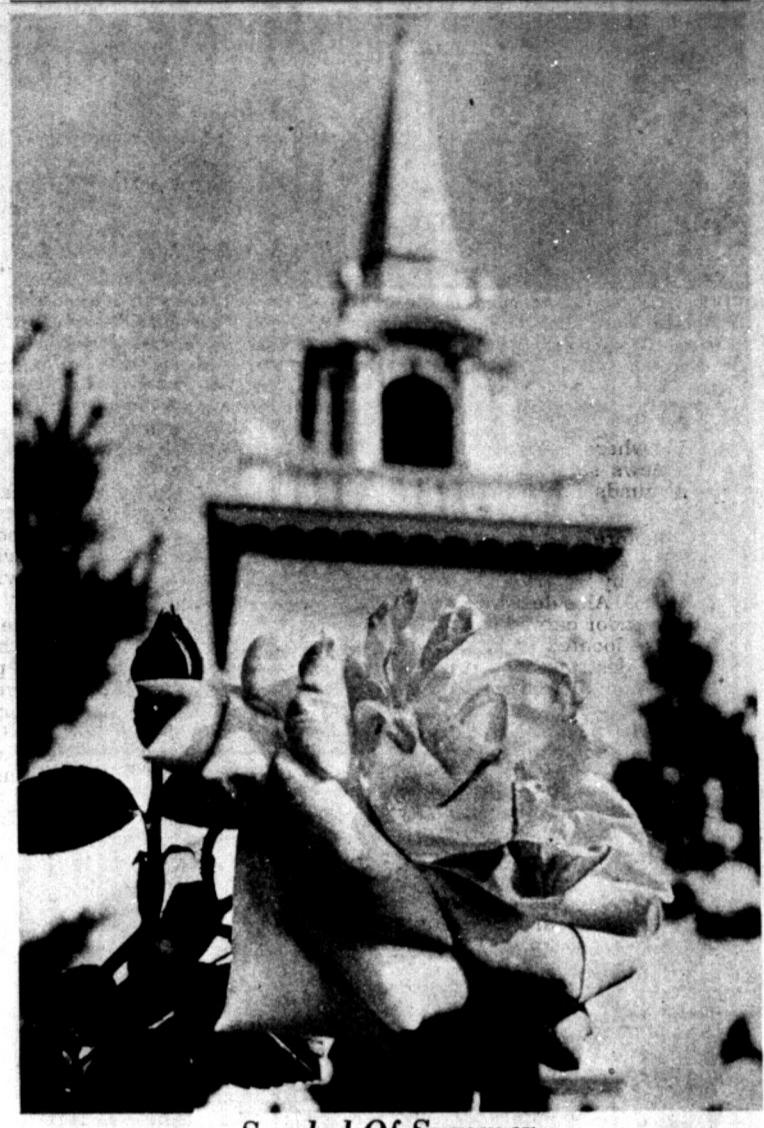
Like every institution of the Foreign Mission Board, the Baptist Spanish Publishing House is very cognizant of the Little Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. "We look to the Little Moon Offering every year for capital grants for equipment, paper and other purchases," says Hill.

"The Southern Baptist Cooperative Program (unified budget) is also essential as a subsidy for our operating budget. Corny as it may sound, we feel that every piece of material we print carries with it an invisible ink, 'With Love From Southern Baptists,'" Hill concludes.

Symbol Of Summer

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Symbol Of Summer

A rose, a symbol of summer, and a church spire, a symbol which knows no season. (RNS Photo)

An Unplanned Beach Ministry

The youth of First Church, Newton, recently went to Gulf Shores, Alabama, for their annual retreat. The

group of 45 young people and their adult counselors stayed in the Holiday Inn. The opportunity for an unplanned beach ministry presented itself, and the youth and their leaders responded.

Pastor Hardy Denham led the group in six Bible study periods, using selected passages from First Corinthians. Because no space was available for the group to use, the Bible studies were conducted on the beach adjacent to the Holiday Inn. The result was that other guests at the Inn and nearby motels were attracted.

The young people from Newton witnessed to other young people sharing their faith in Christ. Some to whom they witnessed professed to be atheists. As many as twenty persons not part of the Newton group were counted in one Bible study session, with many others on balconies overlooking the group, and around the pool, listening. All six of the study sessions were attended by others than those from Newton, or were listened to by people sitting around the pool, and on balconies.

During the Sunday evening service of July 15, several of the youths shared reports and testimonies about the retreat. The pastor stated that the retreat for 1974 will be planned around a beach ministry of witness and Bible study.

How To Be Perfectly Miserable

By C. J. Sodergren

1. Think about yourself.
 2. Talk about yourself.
 3. Use "I" as often as possible.
 4. Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others.
 5. Listen greedily to what people say about you.
 6. Expect to be appreciated.
 7. Be suspicious.
 8. Be jealous and envious.
 9. Be sensitive to slights.
 10. Never forgive a criticism.
 11. Trust nobody but yourself.
 12. Insist on consideration and respect.
 13. Demand agreement with your own views on everything.
 14. Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favors shown them.
 15. Never forget a service you may have rendered.
 16. Be on the look-out for a good time for yourself.
 17. Shirk your duties if you can.
 18. Do as little as possible for others.
 19. Love yourself supremely.
 20. Be selfish.
- Madison Church Bulletin

Iberian Congress On Evangelism Scheduled

The Spanish Evangelical Alliance has called the First Iberian Congress on Evangelism, to be held in Madrid in the spring of 1974.

Alliance leaders have announced that Evangelist Billy Graham will speak at a public meeting on the closing night of the Congress. — EBPS.

Billy Graham—A Look At The Man In His Prime

By Jack U. Harwell

Editor, The Christian Index, Georgia
Billy Graham is far more fascinating on the personal side than he is on his public side.

And his public life is one of the most exciting in the world.

The world-renowned Baptist evangelist was in Atlanta for a one-week crusade in Atlanta Stadium. He came to Atlanta from Korea where he had experienced probably the greatest single crusade in his 25-year evangelistic career.

He drew over a half-million people to nightly services in Korea, and spoke to more than one-million people crowding a mile-long airfield in the closing service. It may have been the largest crowd ever to gather in one place to hear the Christian gospel.

In Atlanta, Dr. Graham spoke to an average of over 38,000 people every night, with almost 10,000 persons making public decisions for Jesus Christ.

Dr. Graham told his Atlanta followers that the next six months are the busiest of his entire career. In the last half of the year he has crusades in Minneapolis, St. Louis, Raleigh-Durham and other places.

The world's most famous Southern Baptist preacher seems to be—at age 54—at the peak of an unparalleled career as a preacher.

I wanted to know how he handled all the publicity, adulation and near-worship which he draws 24 hours per day, everywhere he goes.

So I asked him.

"I never even think about adulation, praise or publicity," he said in what appeared to be utter sincerity.

"Early in my career I admit that I had a problem of pride and vanity. I did enjoy the travel, the publicity, the friendships with world leaders, etc.

"But, the Lord has a way of dealing with sinful pride. And he dealt with me. He made me study His Word more. He afflicted me with a whole series of rare illnesses. He surrounded me with invaluable associates who keep knocking my ego back down to earth. And he gave me a back-breaking schedule which keeps me so eternally busy that I honestly don't have time to think about the peripheral activities related to my main ministry."

I saw a brief example of what he meant as we were playing golf at a small public course near the Atlanta airport. Two men were plowing a corn field adjacent to the gold course, the plow being an ancient one pulled by a mule.

We stood on the tee a long time and watched those two men behind that mule. Grady Wilson, Billy Graham's lifelong friend and teammate, turned to Dr. Graham, stuck his finger in his face and said, "Billy, that's where you came from. And don't you forget it."

Dr. Graham told us that he never plays golf at a private country club during one of his crusades.

"Early in my ministry I was accused of mixing with the rich folks at exclusive places, and not being available to the average man," he said. "So I always play at a public course if I get to play at all during a crusade."

Always a Southern Baptist and proud of that label, Dr. Graham wants

ed to know every detail of what took place at the Southern Baptist Convention's meeting in Portland.

"I dearly love my convention," he said. "I want to go to the convention every year if at all possible. But I had to miss Portland because of the Korean crusade. The fellowship with my own denominational brothers is precious and necessary for me."

Dr. Graham went to offices of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution the day after his crusade ended, to personally thank the editors and reporters for their news coverage.

"I wound up staying there three hours," he told me. "I shook hands with every person in the entire building—typesetters, pressmen, floor-sweepers, everybody. It was a great personal joy to me to meet so many down-to-earth people."

Dr. Graham also requested "permission" to visit offices of the Georgia Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

He went to each place expecting to stay 30 minutes and stayed more than one hour at each.

During a private "coffee break" he shared with news reporters, Dr. Graham's mother came to say goodbye as she returned to her home in Charlotte.

Dr. Graham jumped up to hug her, kiss her and introduce her to every reporter there. The pride and tenderness he spontaneously lavished on his 80-year-old mother visibly touched every one of those hard-bitten newshounds.

I asked Billy about the many of

fers he has had from Hollywood, the White House, and other places to make movies, be a news commentator, be an ambassador, or do other things that would make him a wealthy man.

"Yes, I have had many such offers," he said with clear modesty. "But my answer has been the same in every case. God called me to preach the redeeming gospel of Jesus Christ and until that call is revoked I can do nothing else."

He added: "I would rather be a preacher of the Christian gospel than be the President of the United States or the king of any country."

Dr. Graham said that one of the most meaningful moments in his own life had come once in the White House when he met black baseball star Hank Aaron in the presence of President Richard M. Nixon.

"I was startled when Hank shook the President's hand, then grabbed me around the neck, kissed me on the cheek and said he would rather meet me than the President," Dr. Graham said. "I was embarrassed, but so deeply flattered. Hank and I have been close friends ever since."

Throughout his 10 days in Atlanta, newsmen repeatedly asked Dr. Graham about his relationship to Mr. Nixon and about the Watergate scandal.

Dr. Graham consistently replied: "I am not a political advisor to the President. I am always available for any moral or spiritual counsel I might give."

"I talked to Mr. Nixon by phone last week, but it was only about our crusade in Korea."

"I did send him a letter, a pastoral type letter, assuring him of my prayers and suggesting some Bible verses he might read — verses of comfort, by the way."

Personal security is always a problem for people in the public spotlight such as Dr. Graham. Plain clothes policemen were all over Atlanta Stadium throughout his crusade.

One high-powered rifle with telescopic sights was confiscated, as was a pistol whose owner had claimed, "this is the gun that will kill Billy Graham."

Dr. Graham also volunteered another insight related to his personal philosophy.

He said: "I pray I will never embarrass my Jesus nor my profession by entanglements with women. I have the best wife God ever made, five lovely children and six grandchildren."

"This is why you never — and I repeat never — see me in public anywhere without one of my associates beside me. No one should ever be able to accuse me of indiscretion or infidelity in any form or fashion."

I wondered how long a 54-year-old preacher could go on living under this kind of pressure.

"Well, Jack, a preacher of the gospel can never retire," Dr. Graham replied. "I will never stop preaching. But I am 54 years old."

"I get weary. I have to rest more now. I stayed in bed from 2-5 every afternoon during my Atlanta crusade, conserving my strength for the night services."

"Though I will never retire, I expect to make a shift of gears toward a slightly different direction very

soon.

"After this busy year of 1973, the busiest of my career, I am going to take some time to evaluate things and make some changes."

"I know we will move away from big stadium crusades such as we had in Korea and Birmingham and Atlanta. We will concentrate on indoor areas, seating 15,000 to 20,000 people."

"It takes about one-fifth the energy and stamina to hold an indoor meeting as it does to conduct a stadium crusade."

"We will also move more and more toward a television ministry as our major vehicle for the gospel. Television is the best tool now available to Christians for spreading the gospel. I can reach millions at one time, around the world, through television."

"There might even be a day when I will do nothing but television and radio preaching. I am not sure about that, but it's possible."

Dr. Graham conceded that he has standing invitations from around the world to preach crusades, invitations which could keep him busy every week for the rest of his life.

"God has blessed me far beyond anything I could ever dream," he said. "If I had my personal choice, I would be a pastor of small church in the mountains, serving my own little congregation as best I know how."

"But, God keeps opening the doors around the world and He keeps telling me to go through those doors with His word. Until He changes His mandate to me and my associates, that little church in the mountains will just have to wait."



FIVE MEN worked together in the writing of the textbook, *An Introduction to Baptist Work*. Left to right: Therman V. Bryant, associate, Cooperative Missions Department, MBCB, who is state director of in-service guidance; Dr. Norman O'Neal, Dr. James Travis, Dr. Charles Melton, and Dr. Joel Ray.



THE SAME INSTRUCTORS have taught "An Introduction to Baptist Work" in the Baptist colleges of the state for eleven years. Left to right: Dr. Norman O'Neal, Mississippi College; Dr. James Travis, Blue Mountain College; Dr. Charles Melton, Clarke College; and Dr. Joel Ray, William Carey College.



AT A SATURDAY WORKSHOP, leaders discuss future plans for past results of the course on Baptist work. Seated at the end of the table is Dr. Foy Rogers, director, Cooperative Missions Department, MBCB. This department cooperates with the Home Mission Board in promoting the course through the state's Baptist colleges.

For The Young, Summer Is A Time To Sing



The youth choir of First Church, Magee, participated in the SBC Youth Choir Festival at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, enroute to Washington, D. C.



The youth choir of First Church, Purvis, went on a seven-day singing tour of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D. C.



The "NEW HOPE" of New Hope Church, Foxworth assisted in the program of a mission in Texas called "The Anchor."



The Messengers, of Memphis, young people's group sponsored by Holiday Inns, Inc., will sing at the Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress in St. Louis.

In-Service Guidance Course In 11th Year

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

More than 1100 students in Mississippi Baptist colleges have studied "An Introduction To Baptist Work" in the 62 times the course has been offered. An estimated one-third of the pastors in the state have by now at one time been enrolled in it.

Every year for eleven years AN INTRODUCTION TO BAPTIST WORK has been taught as a three-hour course in all four Mississippi Baptist colleges, as a project of the Cooperative Missions Department, MBCB, and the Home Mission Board, SBC.

No other state has a similar course in all its Baptist colleges. Neither has any other state had the same instructors remaining in all the colleges, teaching the course in Baptist work continuously year after year from its beginning until the present.

As an in-service guidance course, it is a required subject for all ministerial students in the Baptist colleges who receive ministerial aid. Others who wish to enroll may do so; the classes include many women, as well as men.

The initiation of this study of Baptist work came at the suggestion of the late Dr. Chester L. Quarles and Dr. Foy Rogers, director, Cooperative Missions Department. In 1962 they invited the college presidents, deans, and religious education instructors from the four colleges to meet at Camp Garaywa to discuss in-service guidance for ministerial students.

Five men were asked to write the syllabus for study. They were Dr. James Travis of Blue Mountain, Dr. Joel Ray of William Carey, Dr. Charles Melton of Clarke, Dr. Norman O'Neal of Mississippi College, and Dean Therman V. Bryant of Clarke. The first four have since that time been instructors of the course on their various campuses, and the fifth has been director and coordinator of the course for eight years. Due to constant change, the textbook has been

revised twice during the eleven years it has been taught.

The book, entitled AN INTRODUCTION TO BAPTIST WORK, includes a study of the Southern Baptist Convention; the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the Convention Board Convention agencies and institutions; the association; and the articles of faith stated by the SBC in 1963.

When he was asked to help write the syllabus, Mr. Bryant was dean and assistant to the president of Clarke College. Eight years ago he accepted a position as an associate in the Cooperative Mission Department, Miss. Baptist Convention Board. In his work with the Board he is also under appointment by the Home Mission Board, SBC, as state director of in-service guidance.

He was dean at Clarke for nine years, and before that was teacher and administrator in public schools for twenty years. A deacon, he has preached in laymen's crusades and has served as interim pastor.

A native of Longview in Pontotoc County, he earned the B. A. E. and M.Ed. degrees from Ole Miss. He is married to the former Annie Grace McCord; they have two sons and three grandchildren.

Mr. Bryant plans annual banquets at each of the colleges for the ministerial students and their wives. This year students committed to church-related vocations were also invited, with their wives. Also present were the college presidents and deans, faculties of the Departments of Religion, and the superintendents of missions. As banquet guest speakers, the college presidents, Dr. Douglas Hudgins, and Dr. Rogers have brought informative and inspirational messages on the role of the colleges, the state convention, and the associations in the training experiences of these young men and women. Other leaders in the denomination have also been on these programs.

Each semester, students enrolled in the course in all the colleges make

trips to Jackson to tour the Baptist Building, the Baptist Hospital, and the Children's Village. Some classes also have visited New Orleans Seminary, the Sunday School Board, and Gulfshore Assembly. Church-related luncheons with unstructured programs have been held with these young Baptist leaders, the religious education instructors, and Mr. Bryant. Also, when the classes visit the Baptist Building, they are invited to a luncheon as guests of the Cooperative Missions Department.

Of the four instructors, Mr. Bryant speaks with highest appreciation. He says, "They have ability, spiritual depth, spirit of cooperation, college and seminary training (three with D. R. E. degrees and one with Th.D.) They put in many, many hours of work.

"Above their other load of work, they teach this course. In addition, they counsel with students, help with field work guidance, see pulpit committees about student pastors, assist in the work with superintendents of missions in the associations where the student-pastors and other student church workers are located."

At Mississippi College, Dr. Norman O'Neal teaches AN INTRODUCTION TO BAPTIST WORK. For 27 years, he has been a teacher at MC and for the most of that time has been head of the Department of Religious Education. He has a B. A. degree from Howard College (now Samford U.), an M. A. in sociology from George Peabody, an M. R. E. and D. R. E. from Southwestern Seminary.

Born at Heath, Alabama, he taught school two years at Frisco City, Ala. For brief periods of time he was minister of education at Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, Ark., Belmont Heights, Nashville, and Ruhama Church, Birmingham. From 1941 to 1945 he worked at the Sunday School Board in Nashville. While there he started and was the first head of the Audio-Visual Education Service of the Board.

Dr. O'Neal is married to the former Audra Thomas. They have three sons and three grandchildren.

At Clarke College, Dr. Charles H. Melton, Jr. teaches AN INTRODUCTION TO BAPTIST WORK. Since 1962 he has been on the Clarke faculty, first as professor of religious education and later also as chairman of his division of religion. At the same time he has served as superintendent of missions for Newton County Association. Prior to these positions he served as pastor and minister of music and religious education in churches in Mississippi and Tennessee.

Dr. Melton was born in Goodman, Mississippi. After completing eighth grade in public school, he attended the Mississippi and Kentucky schools for the blind. He received the B. A. degree from Union University, the M. R. E. degree from New Orleans Seminary, and the D. R. E. degree from Southwestern Seminary.

He is married to the former Vera Virginia Davis. They have two children, a daughter and a son.

At William Carey College, Dr. Joel D. Ray teaches AN INTRODUCTION TO BAPTIST WORK. Since 1960, Dr. Ray has been professor of religious education at William Carey and superintendent of missions for Lebanon Association. Dr. Ray, reared in Corinth, graduated from Mississippi College and Southern Seminary, with a B. D. degree from the latter. Later he received both M. R. E. and D.R.E. degrees from New Orleans Seminary. He also attended Merchant Marine Academy.

While a seminary student he was

pastor at Gleanings, Kentucky. For five years he was Royal Ambassador Secretary in Mississippi, working with Woman's Missionary Union three years and with the Brotherhood for two years. At New Orleans Seminary he taught from 1957 to 1960, first as a teaching fellow and later as an instructor.

He is married to the former Betty Jo Harrison. They have a daughter and a son.

At Blue Mountain College, Dr. James Travis teaches AN INTRODUCTION TO BAPTIST WORK.

Dr. Travis has since 1960 been professor of Bible and chairman of the Division of Biblical Studies at Blue Mountain College. Also he is advisor to the Ministerial Alliance of the college.

Born in Pennsylvania, he graduated from high school at Walled Lake, Michigan. During World War II, he served in the U. S. Army, including overseas duty in Europe. It was while he was stationed at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, that he became a Christian. Then in 1948, he was ordained to the gospel ministry by First Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Dr. Travis is an honors graduate of OBU, and has earned both B. D. and Th.D. degrees from New Orleans Seminary. He has served pastorate in Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Mississippi, the latter including Brookhaven, West Poplarville, and Cherry Creek (Pontotoc).

He is a popular teacher of Januarian Bible Studies in churches. Also he is a writer of curriculum materials for the Baptist Sunday School Board and is teacher and director of the Seminary Extension Center at Blue Mountain.

He is married to the former Lucille Wall. (Mrs. Travis is assistant librarian and instructor in library science at Blue Mountain.) They have three sons and a daughter.

The practical aspects of the course have been many, according to the students and other church-related vocational leaders. As Mr. Bryant points out, "The course's results will show in the work of the convention. In fact, I believe that the Cooperative Program already has benefited from this course."

In the Foreword of the current textbook, Dr. Hudgins says to the prospective student that "this source book is yours for assistance as you seek early familiarity with the polity, program and mission endeavor carried on in the churches, the state, the nation and throughout the world. By a thorough assimilation of the information contained herein you will be afforded a detailed knowledge of the many ways in which Baptists in Mississippi work with each other in seeking to carry out the Lord's Great Commission. . . There has never been a time in modern history when there was a greater opportunity to give men spiritual guidance. . ."

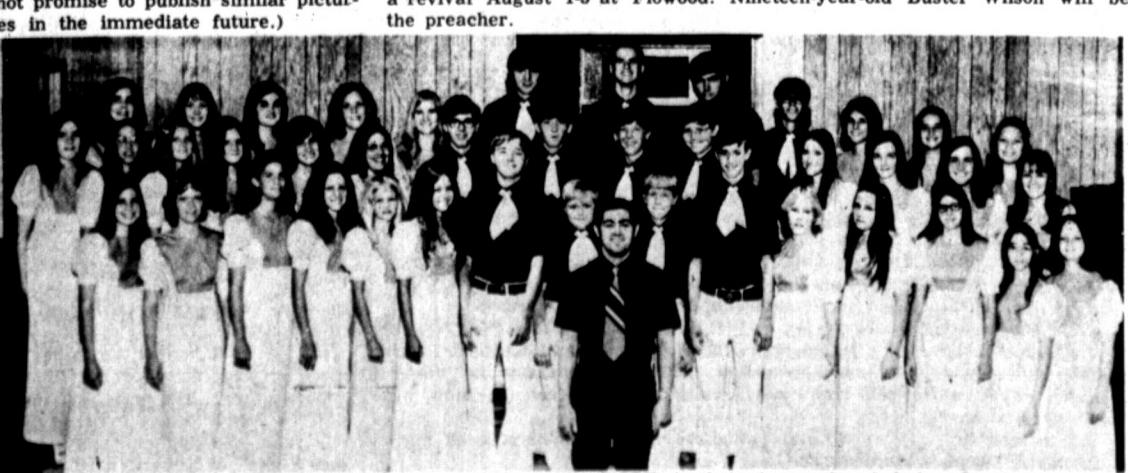
In the Foreword to the first edition, Dr. Quarles wrote, "It pays to have the facts. It pays to have the right insight into the workings of great movements. Particularly this is true with the World Mission Program."

"Mississippi Baptists are interested in the winning of the world to Christ. Our work goes far beyond the bounds of Mississippi and out there to the many mission points where Southern Baptists are laboring for the Lord."

"We are grateful to those many students who will with open minds study, read, and confer. All this information properly understood and accepted will aid Mississippi Baptists (Continued on page 8)



The Reality, singers from Richland Church, Rankin County, are on the staff of an evangelism team called "Jesus Is Evangelism." They will sing for a revival August 1-5 at Flowood. Nineteen-year-old Buster Wilson will be the preacher.



Colonial Hills, Southaven's 75-voice choir presented the musical JOY, in their home church before leaving on tour.

Integrity Demands Truth, Is Essential For Self-Respect

By Clifton J. Allen

Exodus 20:16; 23:1-3; Proverbs 19:9;
Acts 5:1-11; Ephesians 4:25-32;

James 1:26; 3:1-12

Integrity might well be called the basic virtue. Other virtues are dependent upon it. It is the very essence of moral character and the foundation of responsible interpersonal relationships. The practice of integrity or truthfulness is essential to self-respect; it is indispensable for a healthy society. God's law forbidding false witness in a court situation, as set forth in the Ninth Commandment, has implications for wider application to the obligation for truthfulness in all matters. This is reflected in other requirements of the Mosaic law, in admonitions of the wisdom writers, and in prophetic teaching. Jesus' severe condemnation of hypocrisy adds emphasis to the importance of integrity.



The Lesson Explained

TRUTHFULNESS COMMANDED (Ex. 20:16)

The divine injunction was intended, first of all, to apply in a court situation or in a formal hearing of a charge against some person for suspected wrongdoing. The prohibition against a false witness against a neighbor was to protect the rights of the person being accused and so prevent injustice.

One may deduce the positive principle that every person is obligated to tell the truth. God wills that persons be honest and truthful in their communication with one another. Words are meant to be a means of communication and of establishing relationships between persons. A person's words should be a commitment of himself. His words have to do with the most casual and the most sacred matters — from agreement to meet for lunch to the vow at the marriage altar. If integrity is lacking, one's words reporting a situation, promising to pay a debt, declaring a charge against some person, recommending some person, supporting some propo-

sition or movement, or agreeing to accept responsibility for another person's welfare is a pure farce so far as any prospect of fulfillment is concerned. Integrity requires truth, and if truth is lacking trustworthy relationship is impossible.

FOR THE SAKE OF ONESELF (Acts 5:1-11)

The setting of this incident should be recalled. The believers were generous in sharing their possessions for the relief of members of the community in distress. Ananias and Sapphira sold some property but kept a part of the price and brought only a part as a gift to the common fund. They pretended to be giving it all. Their deceit became known. Confronting Ananias, Simon Peter denounced him for his base and shameful and wicked hypocrisy. Peter emphasized that Ananias was under no obligation to give the whole price. But by his pretense, he was actually lying, not to men, but to God. Seemingly, the shock to his conscience was so great and the awareness of his deceit so destructive to himself that it brought death.

At the time Sapphira was not present. When she came in, Peter con-

fronted her with a question about the price of the land which she and Ananias had sold, and her answer revealed the deception to which they had agreed. She, too, died at the news of her husband's death and at the fearful shock of having to face the wickedness of their tempting the Spirit of the Lord by their deceit. It was necessary that the Christian community be cleared of the poisonous leaven of deceit. In this incident there is an illustration of what deception and falsehood do to an individual: it works destruction in the moral fiber of his being, in the realm of character, though one's physical life may not be imperiled.

OBLIGATION TO OTHERS (Eph. 4:25)

Paul begins with a negative and a positive injunction: Put away falsehood; speak the truth with one another. The reason is then given: "We are members one of another." The church or the believing community is in mind. Lack of integrity or lack of truthfulness on the part of one or more individuals constitutes a violation of the unity of the covenant group. This is how serious falsehood and lying are. As Christians, we are

joined in the unity of Christ. This makes an act of falsehood or failure to speak the truth a gross contradiction of our oneness with him who is

the truth. If Christians cannot be counted on to reject falsehood and tell the truth, they can hardly be counted on for anything.

26 Graduate From East Africa Seminary

The President of Liberia, Dr. William R. Tolbert, addressed the 1973 graduating class of the Baptist Seminary of East Africa, Arusha, Tanzania. The closing exercises were held on July 6, 4 p.m., at the campus of the seminary which is located nine miles out of Arusha on the Nairobi Road.

The 1973 graduating class of the Baptist Seminary is composed of graduates from the three nations comprising the East African Community, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

Having completed a four-year course in theological studies and practical skills, the 26 graduates will go to various posts of East Africa to serve the churches and people.

The Seminary started its first class in January 1962 and has since graduated a total of 82 students from all areas of East Africa.



Dorothy Emmons, former Mississippian, awards a Bible to Most outstanding student during the graduation exercises in Arusha, Tanzania, East Africa. Miss Emmons has been a missionary in East Africa since 1959.

Names In The News

Carey College's newest athlete

is Mike Reynolds, top rebounder this past year at Clinton High School. Just signed by Carey Coach O'Keefe, Reynolds is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hindu Reynolds of Clinton. His father is known to University of Southern Mississippi fans for his athletic fame of 1949-50 under Coach Floyd. As co-captain of his team this year in Clinton, young Reynolds averaged 12 points per game. He is 17 years old, weighs 190 pounds, and stands 6'8".

Rev. Donnie Boutwell of 826 Ohio St., North Tonawanda, New York, and his wife are moving back to Mississippi in August. He will be available for supply, revivals, or other service, after the first of September. He may be reached at Route 2, Cariere, Ms. 39426 (phone 601-798-4047).

Rev. Archie D. Fleming, pastor of Providence Church, Rt. 1, Grenada, is planning to lead a July, 1974, tour of the Holy Land and mission fields visited by Paul. Persons interested in joining the tour are invited to write for full information.

E. Frank Tupper has been named by the trustees at Southern Seminary as assistant professor of theology and philosophy. A native of Greenwood, he

is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. He holds the doctor of theology degree from Southern Seminary, with doctoral research conducted under the supervision of German theologian Wolfhart Pannenberg in Munich. Since 1966 he has been pastor of First Church, Edmonton, Kentucky. He is married to the former Betty J. Wilkins of Houston, Mississippi, and they have one son.

High Hill Church (Neshoba) has ordained two men as deacons. They are Roscoe Moore and Billy Paul Davidson. Rev. J. K. Sharp, supt. of missions for Neshoba, brought the charge to the deacons and the church. Rev. Harold G. Wilson is pastor.

Larry Haslam, program and promotion specialist for Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, has been named interim manager of Glorieta Baptist Conference Center. Haslam will serve until a new manager is elected. Mark Short, Jr., manager for seven years, has resigned to accept a position with South Main Church, Houston.

Jimmy C. Hendry was licensed into the gospel ministry by Calvary Church, Route 2, Louin, on July 1. His address is Route 2, Louin, Mississippi, 39422 (Phone 764-3655).

Rev. and Mrs. Dewey E. Merritt, missionaries who have completed medical furlough, were scheduled to depart July 19 for Nigeria (address: Box 48, Kaduna, Nigeria).

Dr. & Mrs. John D. W. Watts, missionaries to India, may be addressed at Serampore College, Hooghly District, Serampore, West Bengal, India.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Rayborn have completed a two-year term as missionary journeyman to Guam and were scheduled to return June 24 to the States (address: Rt. 2, Box 202, Jayess, Miss. 39641).

Laura Dubuisson has completed a two-year term as a missionary journeyman to Ethiopia and was scheduled to return to the States (address: Rt. 1, Box 393, Gulfport, Miss. 39501).

Phil D. Fortenberry, book store manager at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, has been named retail merchandiser for Bibles and adult books in the Sunday School Board's book store division's operations department. A native of Mississippi, Fortenberry has served as minister of youth and music for several churches including West End, West Point, Miss.; Lexie Church, Tyler; and Southside, Columbus. Graduated from Mississippi State University, he later earned the B.D. degree from Southern Seminary.

Jerry W. Robinson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Robinson, Sr., Jackson, has recently co-authored two books, *Process Skills in Organization Development and Process Skills in Community Organizations*, with Roy A. Clifford, president of Applied Management Research, an organization development consulting firm in Houston, Texas. Robinson is currently an associate professor at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, in the departments of Agricultural Economics and Sociology. He is married to Mrs. Linda Byrd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Byrd, Brookhaven.

William Carey College's musical alumna, **Patricia Woodard** of Mobile, has received word that she has been awarded a grant from the New Orleans Foundation for Music and Art for a one-year study program in France, beginning September 1. Following her graduation from Carey Patricia earned the master's degree from Tulane University in music and has done additional study in Germany this past year in the area of voice. An outstanding voice student, she is also an accomplished pianist.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Amos: Champion Of The Downtrodden

By Bill Duncan
Amos 2:6-11; 6:1-7; 7:10-17

This week we begin a new unit entitled "Speaking for a Concerned God." In this unit we will study from the five prophets: Amos, Hosea, Micah, Isaiah, and Jonah.

How do you remember Amos? A stern prophet dressed in animal skins preaching fire and brimstone? This may have been the way some people dressed in Amos' day, but the message from God he delivered is as fresh today as then.

Amos was a layman who cared for a special breed of small sheep, prized for the quality of their wool. He also was a cultivator of sycamore trees. He claimed, as a layman, to be untrained in religion. By tradition he was not of the lower economic group, although he condemned luxury and had a high interest in the poor. The call of Amos came as he faithfully watched over his sheep and their needs. He was awake to the word of God as it spoke to Israel's need. This he thought qualified him to speak for God.

Amos made an impact upon his people. What kind of prophet was he? The study of the book reveals seven character traits needed today if one would speak for God and make an impact upon our day. The order and ideas of these seven traits come from Kyle M. Yates, Jr.:

(1) Simple In the midst of a sophisticated community, Amos appeared as a natural and unaffected voice out of the wilderness without any pretense.

(2) Stern Amos' effectiveness came from his stern view of life and his blunt approach to its problems. He was direct in dealing with sin.

(3) Keen He must have been very gifted with ability to keep the attention of the people. The book of Amos shows his thoughts and message depth.

(4) Observant The remote life of Amos was changed by God so that he showed vision and insight. He was able to relate history and life as a citizen of the world. He had a knowledge of the world and its basic problems in his message.

(5) Dynamic The style of Amos was dynamic. He may have been blunt but he was clear and incisive.

(6) Courageous His boldness and courageous spirit may have come from his self-reliance but the basic thought came from his deep confidence and trust in God.

(7) Uncompromising The man of God needed to take a stand and not water down his convictions or his message. He may not have been popular.

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ular, but who was he trying to please?

Amos came to Bethel during the economic boom of the Northern Kingdom. Peace had brought trade routes through the country. A strong merchant class had forced the small businessmen out of business. The social and economic conditions left two groups — rich and poor. The wealthy had gained their position not by honest toil but by oppression and injustice. The society was so organized that equality of opportunity was impossible. Many of the Israelites interpreted the peace and prosperity as tokens of God's blessing upon their way of life.

Therefore, when Amos came as spokesman for the poor, a new day began. Exposure was given by the prophet. Justice was sold to the one who could pay the highest bribe or offer the costliest present. The merchants had their special weights and measures always ready for the unsuspecting buyer or the one whose complaint would not be taken seriously. Small holdings of land were being steadily taken from the poor by unscrupulous men intent upon building up their own possessions. The Mosaic

law had been watered down by addition of pagan practices and symbols. Bad practices were everywhere, bringing corruption into the faith of Israel. The attendance was good at religious services. Sacrifices were abundant, tithes were multiplied. Yet to Amos, these things were rituals, going through the motions in the name of religion. There was no deep spiritual effect upon the conduct of the people.

Amos had a two-pronged attack in his message:

(1) Constantly he wove a call for justice. "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an overflowing stream" (Amos 5:24). Every contact with the people, every business deal, and every relationship should reflect righteousness. Always the man with the money and power abuses the little man. Amos was against this. Because of injustice Amos pronounced the judgment of God. Because God is just and righteous, he demands a corresponding justice from his people.

(2) Because of the judgment of God, Amos expressed little hope for the nation. Amos expected no national repentance, because the people

were too deeply involved in sin and the luxury of their boom economy. The only hope was in a small remnant. He foresaw the exile but also saw a new day in which God's purpose for Israel would be realized. He was trying to get a new sense of righteousness ingrained into the hearts of the people before the exile, ready for a new day when they returned.

No one can see the message of Amos for his day without looking at our day. So much of what he saw, we see. For Amos, the greatness of God presented a challenge to righteous living and a duty involving heavier responsibility on Israel's part. Many view unparalleled prosperity as a sign of God's favor and think they have a place of privilege forever.

The chief cause of Amos' message of doom was the lack of concern on the part of God's people. The voices of the poor were unnoticed. If God's people are not concerned, how can the nation become concerned? Amos sought to link worship with daily life as we need to do. We need to set forth a vital connection between the worship of a righteous God and righteousness in the life of a people.

Lay Witness School Success In Israel

NAZARETH, Israel—A visitation program by laymen of the Nazareth Baptist Church resulted in 100 persons accepting Christ here in two months.

In March a lay witness school implemented a renewed emphasis on home visitation by laymen in this city of nearly 35,000 Arabs. Rev. Ervin E. Haste, special consultant of the Foreign Mission Board and Baptist representative to Mexico, led the week-long school, attended by more than 40 local laymen.



Four From State Graduate From Southwestern

Four students from Mississippi during summer commencement exercises held at Southwestern Seminary, July 20. They were, l to r: Lloyd P. Dunaway, Hattiesburg, Master of Divinity; William T. Fancher, Columbus, Master of Church Music; Higdon Herrington, Ruleville, Master of Divinity; and Barbara J. Massey, Laurel, Master of Religious Education.

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First, Crystal Springs Dedicates New Organ

First, Crystal Springs recently dedicated a new Rodgers 990 electronic organ, in honor of W. L. Green and in memory of Mrs. W. L. Green. Mr. Green served as deacon and Sunday School teacher for over fifty years, more than 40 of these in First, Crystal Springs. Sylvia Green, daughter of W. L. Green and the late Mrs. Green, gave an organ recital at the dedication service. Miss Green presently is assistant organist and serves in other capacities in the music department of First Church, Dallas, Texas. Before going to Texas, she served several years on the staff of First Church, Gulfport during the pastorate of Dr. J. T. Odle and Dr. Landrum Leavell. Assisting Miss Green in the dedication program was Don Bennett, minister of music, Colonial Heights, Jackson. Left to right above are Miss Green, Rev. Estus Mason, pastor; Mr. Bennett, W. L. Green, and James Beasley, minister of music-youth.



Senior Citizens Honored At Holly Springs

First Church, Holly Springs recently honored their senior citizens with a luncheon. "Down Memory Lane" was the theme. The meal was prepared and served by Woman's Missionary Union. Unusual experiences of life were shared by the group. Rev. R. I. Moore brought an inspirational message about the good things of the "golden years." (Mr. Moore is fourth from the left. Tommy Tutor, pastor, is first on the left.)



First, Potts Camp Dedicates Chimes

On Sunday afternoon, July 15, at First Church, Potts Camp, the Schulmerich chimes were dedicated. They had been given to the church by Mrs. Robert Alvis in memory of her late husband. Mr. Alvis was a member of the church and the general contractor who built the sanctuary. Dr. James L. Travis, chairman of the Department of Bible at Blue Mountain College, was the guest speaker. Pictured left to right: Dallas King, chairman of deacons; Dr. Travis; Rev. Joe Epting, pastor; and Mrs. Alvis.



Strengthford Burns Building Note

Strengthford (Wayne) recently held a noteburning service. The new \$50,000 church building, was declared free of debt in January of this year. The noteburning occasion began with a meal served in the Edd T. Cooley Fellowship Hall. After all had eaten (and perhaps twelve baskets of fragments were taken from the tables) the group gathered in the sanctuary for congregational singing. Rev. D. J. Benson brought an appropriate message, after which the noteburning ceremony was held. The picture shows the small congregation, the few that did so much, standing at the front of the sanctuary. The pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Gale Anderson, are standing directly behind the pulpit.



Harmony (Union) Celebrates Debtfree Status

Harmony Church, Union County, has burned the note on their new church building. Pictured in the ceremony above are deacons and Building Committee: Front row, l to r: Irvin Cobb, Lamar Walker, Rev. Enoch Purvis, pastor; Theodore Beasley, J. L. Jackson. Back row: Elliott Manning, Charley Manning, Jimmy Baker, Chesley Hale, Billy Metts, Vaughn Murphree, Quinton Cooper. (Not pictured, Dean Robbins). The church, built in 1967, is now debt-free. Plans are being made for the early addition of six new Sunday School rooms.

Revival Dates

Flora Church, Flora: August 5-10; dinner on the grounds August 5; Rev. Eugene Smith, full-time evangelist of Pell City, Alabama, evangelist; Harvey Carr, music director; Rev. James E. Walker, pastor; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.; Monday - Friday at 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Edna (Marion): July 22-27; Rev. Bill Mitchell, pastor, Rawls Springs, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Philip Fortenberry, minister of music and pianist; Charles Fortenberry, music director; Dr. William M. Clawson, pastor.

Antioch (Simpson): July 22-27; services at 11 Sunday morning with dinner on the grounds; services 7:30 nightly Sunday through Friday. Rev. G. A. McCoy, Clinton Blvd. Church Jackson, evangelist; Ralph Burroughs, singer; Rev. George Lewis, pastor.

Gallman: July 22-27; Rev. James Buie, pastor, Spanish Department, First Church, Baton Rouge, and director of Language Ministries and Seamen's work of Judson Baptist Association, evangelist; Rev. Don Brown, minister of music, First Hazlehurst, in charge of the music; Dwight Berry, organist; Janie McAlpine, pianist; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. and Monday - Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. B. E. Padgett, pastor.

Calvary (Lincoln): July 29-August 3; Rev. Ronald Dillon, pastor, Husser Church, Louisiana, evangelist; Mike Burt, minister of music, Easthaven Church, Brookhaven, music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with "dinner on the ground"; weekday services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Joe Waggener, pastor.

Providence (Grenada): August 5-10; services at 10:45 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.; Rev. Billy Wells, pastor, Shiloh (Calhoun), evangelist; Rev. Robert Jackson of Derra, music director; Rev. Archie D. Fleming, pastor.

Derma Church: July 22-27; services at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Rev. Robert Jackson, pastor, evangelist; H. R. Carter, Jackson, singer; Mrs. Robert Hannaford, organist; Gail Parker, pianist.

Fellowship (Mathiston): July 22-27; Rev. John L. Clark of Taylor, evangelist; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Willie K. Richardson, pastor.

Phillipston (Leflore): August 5-10; Rev. Ron Rogers, pastor, Silberton Church, Attalla, Alabama, evangelist; Kay Makarson, pianist; services at 7:45 p.m.; Rev. Bob Mathis, pastor. (August 5 has been set as a special day: the second anniversary of the pastor, Alice Teal Day, Membership Day, and open house for the new pastorium. Dinner will be served in the Youth Center after the morning service.)

First Church, Shuqualak: August 12-17; Rev. Troy A. Sumrall, interim pastor at First, Lyman, evangelist.

Midway Church (Leake): July 29-Aug. 3; Dr. Wayne E. Sterling, pastor, Brownfield Church, Baton Rouge, evangelist; Jimmy Smith, Eastfork (Amite), song leader; Monday - Friday — 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jimmy Rogers, pastor.

Leesburg (Rankin): July 29-August 3rd. Services Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; dinner on the church grounds at noon and a music service shortly after lunch Sunday; weekday services 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. A. J. Pace, pastor of Star Church, evangelist; Wayne Buffington, music director of Leesburg Church, singer; Rev. M. F. Wicker, pastor.

New Hope near Richton: July 29-August 3; Rev. Troy A. Sumrall, interim pastor at First, Lyman, evangelist.

Cornersville Church (Marshall): August 5-10; Rev. Jimmy Roberts, Oakville Church, Memphis, Tenn., evangelist; Coleman Rhea, song leader; Rev. Otto Fair, pastor; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Friendship near Ellisville: July 22-27; homecoming being observed on July 22; services 11:00 and 1:30 on Sunday, with dinner served at the church and 7:30 p.m. through Friday; Rev. Billy Johnson, pastor, Wildwood, Laurel, evangelist; Rev. Artis Brewster, pastor.

Gaston, Booneville: August 12 - 17; services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. James Fancher of Jackson, evangelist; James Neal Butler of Corinth, singer; Rev. Bill Dowdy, pastor.

First Church, Macon: July 29-Aug. 3; Rev. James Fancher, evangelist from Jackson, preaching; James B. McElroy, Forest, singer; Rev. Hugh L. Poole, pastor.

Called To Alaska

Rev. Gene Foshee, pastor of Paynes Church, Charleston, for 2½ years, has accepted the call of First Church, Juneau, Alaska. He terminated his duties at Paynes on July 15.

Mr. Foshee, a native Mississippian, is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. His wife is the former Marion Goffe of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. They have two children, Michelle Ann, 3, and Michael Gene, 7 months.

"Let the Word Speak" is the current theme of United Bible Society work.

Devotional

Judging Others

By Douglas Clark, Pastor, Lowrey Memorial, Blue Mountain

Romans 14:10

Someone has cleverly said, "Men and monkeys have a mania for picking things to pieces." There is much truth in that statement, especially in regard to the human element in it. Ever so many people spend their time picking things to pieces, and one of their favorite subjects is fellow men.

"Why dost thou judge thy brother?" Why dost thou spend thy time picking thy brother to pieces?

Our Christianity grants us many privileges, such as: living in fellowship with our heavenly Father; walking in the footsteps of the noblest Man the world has ever known; resting our eternal hope in the Son of God; knowing the peace and power of the Spirit's presence. BUT, one privilege has been denied every one of us; that of sitting in judgment upon our fellow men. That right has been reserved by God for himself exclusively (James 2:11-12).

Why has God denied us the right to judge? Because we are human and not divine, our knowledge is limited. We see the results but not the reasons, the sin but not the seduction, the dead but not the motive; the action but not the intention. A Nigerian Christian said some years ago, "There may be a hundred things you know about a person—all of them bad. But there may be just one thing you don't know, which if you did know would change your opinion and judgment of him."

A young aspiring writer spent a college vacation looking for what he called "local color" to use in a book he planned to write. The main character was to be drawn from an impoverished shiftless community, and he thought he knew just where to find it.

Sure enough, one day he found just the place, made to order with its rundown farms, seedy men and washed-out women. There he found the epitome of the shiftlessness he had envisioned. Near an unpainted shack a scraggly-bearded old man in faded overalls was sitting in a chair, hoeing around a small patch of potatoes.

The would-be-writer started back to his rooming house, eager to get at his typewriter. As he made a turn in the road which led past the cabin, he looked at the scene from another angle. What he saw stopped him cold in his tracks. He observed, leaning against the chair, a pair of crutches, and noticed an empty overall leg hanging limply to the ground. In that instant the lazy shiftless character he had seen was transformed into a figure of heroic courage.

We, who, at best, know only in part, sometimes judge as if we were omniscient. May God grant us the ability to understand and help rather than to judge and hurt.

In-Guidance - - -

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to make further spiritual progress."

Eleven years after the initiation of the course, Dr. Rogers observes:

"The course was set up for the purpose of acquainting our student religious vocational workers with the basic purposes and procedures of our denomination and its activities. This purpose has been, and is being, reached.

"Those of us involved in setting up the program envisioned more interest, support, and participation on the part of pastors and religious workers in our state. This vision has become and is continuing to become a reality.

"Comments from many of the students of the state are very encouraging concerning the continuance of this course; and we have had wonderful support from the four Baptist colleges, the Home Mission Board, and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board leaders in this effort."

"Office!" he shouted. "I thought I was there."

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